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1. Specification Total Pages 235
 2. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Pages 89
 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 3
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 b. Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 14)

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 i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
 Signed statement attached deleting Inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

4. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
 Sony Corporation
 6. Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
 7. English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
 8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
 9. Preliminary Amendment
 10. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
 (Should be specifically itemized)
 11. Small Entity Statement filed in prior Application, Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
 12. Certified copy of Japanese priority document No.
 P2000-264517 filed August 31, 2000

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Drawings (89 sheets - Figs. 1-87)

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